

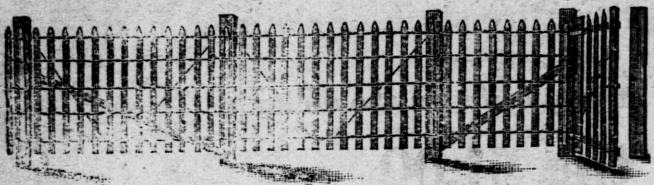
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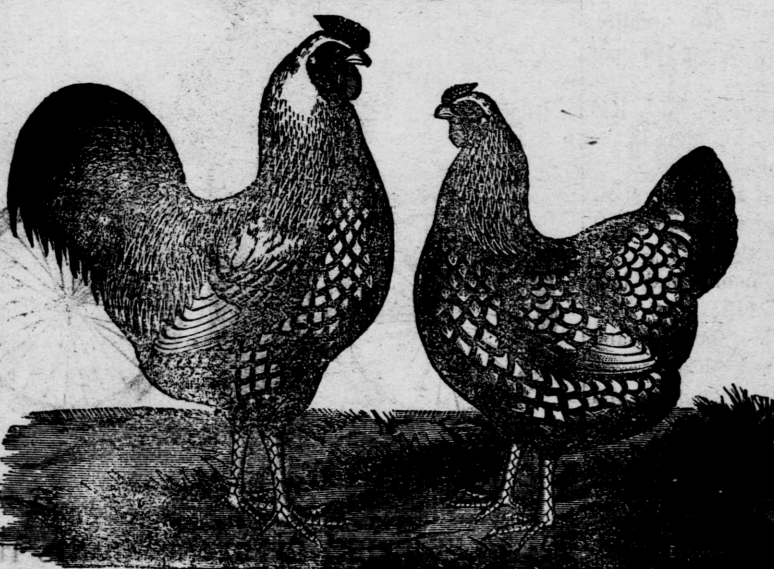
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EXAMINATION PAPERS.

From D. Used by Supt. W. W. Knowles March 30, 1896.
(Other examination forms will follow each week. Last week was one by Supt. Tindall. They will be interesting by way of comparison.—Ed.)

GRAMMAR.

1—(1) Does the pronoun you always require the plural? (2) What is the difference between a verb and a participle?
2—(1) What part of speech, or parts of speech, does a participial phrase always modify? (2) How many tenses have the different modes? (3) Parse the italicized words in the following:
All the conspirators, save only him, did what they did in envy of great Caesar.
3—(1) Why is it necessary to observe the sense, or meaning, of what we parse? (2) Can a verb or participle, not transitive, take any other case after it than that which precedes it? (3) What is the usual position of the nominative and verb, and when is it varied? (4) Why cannot two nouns, each having the possessive sign, be put in apposition with each other?

4—Correct the following and give reason:
(1) I am not recommending these kind of sufferings to your liking. (2) I think she cannot be above six foot two inches high. (3) The wall is ten foot high. (4) Most of whom live remote from each other.
5—Diagram—
Here rests his head upon the lap of Earth,
A youth to Fortune and to Fame unknown;
Fair science frowned not on his humble birth,
And Melancholy marked him for her own;

MENTAL ARITHMETIC
1—The tail of a fish weighs 36 ounces, the head weighs 12 ounces more than the tail plus 2-5 of the body, and the body weighs as much as the head and tail; required the weight of the fish.
2—A lady at a game of cards won \$450, and then lost one-third of what she had, and then found she had four times as much as at first; how much had she at first?

3—A barrel of vinegar leaked away 25 percent what percent must I gain on the remainder that I may gain 10 per cent by the transaction.
4—A lady has two silver cups and only one cover for both; the first cup weighs 20 ounces, and if the first cup be covered it will weigh three times as much as the second, but if the second cup be covered it will weigh four times as much as the first; required the weight of the second cup and cover.

WRITTEN ARITHMETIC
1—A's gain was 36 per cent and B's 30 per cent, and A's gain was \$27 less than B's; what was the capital of each, if two-thirds of A's equals three-fourths of B's?
2—What is the interest on \$500 for 2 years, 2 months and 2 days, at 5 per cent?
3—What is a multiple of a number? (b) A common multiple? (c) Least common multiple? (d) State the difference between the G. C. D. and the L. C. M.
4—A farmer has a field 40 rods long and 32 rods wide; required the dimensions of a similar field containing 43 acres.

Three men purchase a tract of land for \$15,000, of which A pays \$6,000; they sell at such a price that B gains \$750.20 and C \$837.75; how much do B. and C. pay, and what is A's gain?

PHYSIOLOGY.
1—(a) Locate the triceps muscle. (b) What muscle is directly opposed to the triceps, constituting with triceps a pair of muscles?
2—What fluid does (a) the portal vein carry; (b) the lacteals? (c) Where do these organs have their beginning?

3—(a) What evil effects frequently attend the wearing of clothing colored with cheap, poisonous dyes? (b) What function of the skin is active in producing these evil effects?
4—Give three rules to be observed in keeping cellars in proper sanitary condition.

5—Show how the words, "visiting the temples of the fallen upon the children unto the third and fourth generation," are proved true with reference to those who use alcoholic stimulants to excess.

PEDAGOGY.
1—(a) What is the object of education? (b) State the difference between culture and instruction.
2—(a) What way has the Course of Study been helpful to you? (b) Outline its method of teaching language.
3—(a) What is your method of teaching spelling? (b) What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of teaching the Oral Method of spelling?
4—(a) What are Language Lessons? (b) Which should the child be taught first, Language Lessons or Grammar? (c) Why?

GEOGRAPHY.
1—State the comparative length of the sea coast of North and South America; also the length of their sea coast compared with their areas respectively; and the relation to sea coast on their civilization and history.
2—(a) Into how many departments is Geography divided? (b) Define each department. (c) Which is the longer, and how much, the polar or the equatorial diameter of the earth?
3—(a) Which of the United States is the most extensively engaged in manufactures? (b) Which in commerce? (c) What is the area and population of the United States? (d) Between what degrees of latitude and longitude is the United States situated?

4—What articles would be exported from St. Petersburg to New York? (b) Why would not grain be among them? (c) From what cities in our Southern States would New York import cotton? (d) Why not from Calcutta and Alexandria, Egypt?

HISTORY.
1—In the following sentences there was a contest over the admission of the States with or without slavery: Kansas, Missouri, California. In each case tell whether the State was admitted with or without slavery.
2—Give an account of the French explorations, naming the explorers, the territory actually explored, and the territory consequently claimed.
3—(a) Give an account of the colonial civilization; (b) manners and customs; (c) education.
4—(a) What were the remote and direct causes of the Revolutionary War? (b) Describe the two battles of Saratoga.
5—(a) Name the wars in which the United States has been engaged and the most prominent generals who fought in each. (b) Name the President in order.

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WASHINGTON'S SPIRITUAL SIDE.

He was Baptized, but There is No Evidence That He Ever Took Communion.

General A. W. Groely, U. S. A., contributes a most interesting chapter on "The Personal Side of Washington" in The Ladies' Home Journal. In considering Washington's religious life (or belief) the biographer makes the preface: "This effort to depict Washington as very devout from his childhood, as a strict Sabbatarian and as in intimate spiritual communion with the church is practically contradicted by his own letters."

Continuing, General Groely says: "What Washington really believed as to the fundamental truths of Christianity or as to nonessentials on which so many sectarian issues have been raised cannot be definitely stated. He inherited the Episcopal form of faith by baptism and throughout his life took an active part as a vestryman of that church. But even if he was ever confirmed in its faith there is no reliable evidence that he ever took communion with it or with any other church."

In short, it seems that the very honesty and integrity of the man caused him to refrain from the more spiritual forms of activity in the church. Possibly his mind, as have the minds of many men of high moral character, followed the irrational bent of inseparably associating principles and professions and so looked askant at creeds and dogmas where the lives of their foremost advocates gave the lie to the profession of the lips.

"It is notable, however, that as time went on the occasional indifference of his youthful days gave place to a respectful, even if not devout, attitude with reference to religious matters. In a feeling of spiritual indifference to the church, it is not surprising that, neglecting spiritual reasons, he wrote, as a Virginia colonel, 'The want of a chaplain does reflect dishonor upon the regiment, as all other officers are allowed.' And when he was urged to have public prayers in camp, so as to excite the curiosity and foster the conversion of the Indians, he ignored the recommendation.

"As to the Sabbath, he conformed to the local Virginia habits. After service on the day was largely given to riding, visiting, dining and to those innocent amusements and gatherings that many then believed to be essential safeguards of a community. From his childhood he traveled on Sunday whenever occasion required. He considered it proper for his negroes to fish, and on that day made at least one contract. During his official busy life Sunday was largely given to his home correspondence, being, as he says, the most convenient day in which to spare time from his public burdens to look after his impaired fortune and estates."

"The dominating trait of Washington's life was a spirit of equity, which is the nearest approach to perfect justice. Nowhere, as far as I know, did Washington quote the golden rule. But if an attentive study of this man's correspondence reveals any single rule of conduct as permeating his business and social affairs it is represented by the Scriptural passage, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.'"

Corks.
"It may seem a trivial thing to you," said a well known druggist, "but one of our greatest annoyances is about corks. I have been in the drug business for nearly 15 years, and I feel sure that my experience is no different from that of every other druggist. The trouble I complain of is that almost 99 out of every 100 persons when presenting a bottle for medicine will invariably retain the cork until you have filled the bottle, put a new cork in it and tied it up, when they will say, 'I have the cork.' This may seem a trifle to kick about, but corks cost money, and then there is trouble occasionally to find one to fit a bottle properly. The amount of money we lay out annually for corks might be cut down fully 50 per cent if our customers would only think."—Philadelphia Record.

Bird Crossing the Ocean in a Day.
The sailors of all nations believe that the frigate bird can fly across the Atlantic in one day. They declare that the bird can start from the coast of Africa at daybreak, when the wind is blowing strongly to the west, and roost on the American shore on the following night. There is no way of proving this assertion, of course, but the naturalists have proved that the frigate bird can fly 200 miles in a single hour.—St. Louis Republic.

The morning glory is singularly sensitive to heat. It opens about daylight, and in a warm day will close in three or four hours, but should the day be cloudy or cool it will sometimes remain open until late in the evening.

The praise of the envious is far less creditable than their censure; they praise only that which they can surpass, but that which surpasses them they censure.—Colton.

They that marry ancient people merely in expectation to bury them hang themselves in hope that one will come and out the latter.—Fuller.

Rolls of paper 7 feet wide and 14 miles long have been made, the completed roll weighing over 2,500 pounds.

A bird which builds a hanging nest never selects a dead or insecure spot.

MAY MAGAZINES.

One of the leading articles in "Demorest's" is on the "Salvation Army" in which a history of this "Mighty Power for Good" is given from its organization in 1865 to the present time. It is handsomely illustrated with portraits of Gen. Booth and ex-Commander Ballington Booth and wife, besides various views of the Salvationists at work. Other topics of the day are "Cuba's struggle for Independence" and Venezuela and her debatable Boundary. A two part story by Mrs. Amelia Barr, entitled "A Knight of the Nets" is begun. The whole number is very interesting and attractive.

The "Ladies Home Journal" is an admirable magazine both in a literary and pictorial way, and the flavor of the springtime pervades its pages. Mr. Bok, the editor suggests a change in girls' school commencement exercises, and favors the abandonment of the graduating essay. He also urges upon men the importance of providing for those who are dependent upon them, recommending life insurance. Robert J. Burdett in his characteristic humorous style writes on "A Market for Everything." "Shall we send our Boy to College" is discussed both pro and con by Dr. Parkhurst. There are many distinctly feminine interests in the Journal this month, and both the old fashioned and up-to-date woman will find it interesting.

In McClure's a Lincoln paper tells the story of Lincoln's nomination and election to Congress, his life in Washington, social and political, during his term in Congress and also tells of a campaigning town he made through New England in 1848; and a number of important letters that have never been published before are given. The illustrations are numerous and interesting. Anthony Hope's new novel "Phroso" and a number of short stories give lovers of fiction a treat, and a fine article by Will H. Low "A Century of Painting" appeals to the taste of artists.

The May "Century" contains an account of the crowning of the Czar—Alexander III.—from the journal of Miss Thornton, the daughter of Sir Edward Thornton, who was then British ambassador to Russia. Miss Thornton's paper conveys the color and impression of the brilliant events attending the coronation of the Czar, and as these events are substantially the same at each coronation, the paper, which contains profuse illustrations of the events of 1883 and portraits of the present Czar and Czarina, may almost stand as a description of the coming ceremonies.

"St. Nicholas celebrates the month of flowers and birds very appropriately. A charming story 'His Father's Price' by John Bennett will interest old and young readers. It tells of a plucky boy who faces the consequences of a boyish prank with true heroism. The serial story, 'The Prize Cup' is finished. Other bright stories are among the contents.

A Song of Three I's.
Let me sing you a song of three I's.
That for work are as busy as bees;
They ensure you what's worth more than wealth,
A most blessed abundance of health.
The liver they invigorate,
And yet they do not salivate,
The bilious and dyspeptic, too,
They quickly make to feel like new;
And piles and constipation go
Before this remedy you know.
But I will stop, for you have probably guessed what I am driving at. Who does not know that Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure all the complaints mentioned and many more. Small, sure, safe, pleasant. Once used they are always in favor.

"Yes," said the mock-looking man, "I've no doubt you've had some great hunting experience in your travels abroad." "I have indeed," "In Buffalo hunting?" "Yes," "And bear hunting?" "Of course." "Well, you just come around and let my wife take you to house hunting and bargain hunting with her. Then you'll begin to know what real excitement is."

"Let Us Cross Over The River and rest in the shade of the trees." Thus spoke the dying hero, Stonewall Jackson, a man whose conception of war was so heroic, so chivalric that friends and foes praise him alike. How many distressed women feel that they would indeed like "to cross over the river and rest." Every day brings its measure of annoyance and pain. If only they could be made to realize the inestimable comfort and physical strength to be found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, they would soon feel that "their ways were ways of pleasantness, their paths were paths of peace."

Mrs. B. E. Bossey, of Red Oak, Stephenson Co., Ill., writes: "One of my neighbors was very sick during her change of life. After advising her to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I visited her a few days ago, and she told me she was so strong she could work all day long without getting tired, and says she was greatly benefited. I know many afflicted women who have been cured by my medicine."

He—"Then everything is fixed and can be varied in May, can't we?" She—"There's only one thing I have not spoken of, and mamma insisted that I must." He—"Certainly my angel. What is it? Did me go through any trial for your sake, and I'll do it. Ask for the golden fleece, and if such a thing is in existence I'll get it, ay, even though I must swim the seas, climb the loftiest peaks or search in the fuming craters of mighty volcanoes. I'll do it." She—"It isn't much, my dear, mamma said I must ask you how much you intended to allow me a week for pin-money." He—"Um—er—how much are pins a paper now?"

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WHEN YOU SING.

Sing a song of gladness,
Set to a merry measure—
A sweet refrain to banish pain
And fill the heart with pleasure.
Sing a song of brightness,
Hope's pathway to illumine—
A melodious lay to flood the day
With sunshine, birds and bloom.

Sing a song of kindness
Whose pleasant tones and mellow
Will win the ear and speak good cheer.
To some misguided fellow.

Sing a melody of love,
To wake and glad the hours
Of weary lives, as spring revives
The earth with tuneful showers.
But sing no mournful ditty
Breathing of grief and woe,
For of sorrow and care all have their share,
And want not more to know.

A Story of Two Elevators.
A well dressed woman walked into the Crocker Building recently one afternoon and took an elevator. Her husband saw her from across the street and, hurrying over, took the next elevator. He went to the office where he knew his wife had business and found she had stepped in and out and gone down in the next elevator. The elevator dispatcher said to her:

"Your husband just went up in the elevator; I think he is looking for you." The lady took the next elevator up. Just then her husband came down. He looked all around, and then inquired of the elevator man:

"Have you seen my wife here?" "Yes, she just went up this minute." The man took the next elevator and he was no more that out of sight till his wife came down again.

"Your husband has just gone up again," said the elevator man. "I guess he'll wait for me this time, so I'll go up." And up she went. Down came her husband a second afterward.

"Did my wife come down again?" he inquired. "Yes, and just went up again. She thought you would wait for her." "Well, I'll wait here."

He waited about five minutes and then, growing impatient, took an elevator up stairs. She had been waiting for him and came down again just as he disappeared.

"Well, I will wait for him and catch him this time," she said. After standing in the corridor several minutes she decided to go up stairs and find him. As she was whisked out of sight he stepped out of another elevator.

"Your wife has just gone up," said the elevator man. The husband swore a little under his breath and started to leave the building. At the door he hesitated, changed his mind and took the next elevator up. Down came his wife at the same moment.

"He's just gone up again," was the elevator man's answer to her weary look of inquiry, "and he's mad as a hornet." "Then I had better go right up and catch him," said she. Up she went and down he came.

"Just went up," remarked the elevator man. "I'm darned if I'm going to go again," said he. "I'll wait right here," and he sat down on the stairs. Half an hour later he was still sitting there, and his wife, equally determined, was waiting for him up stairs.

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Prize Cycling Proverbs.
She that rideth uprightly rideth surely, but she that perverteth her way shall fall.
Bike while the craze is hot.
Bikers must not be musers.
It is no use crying over spilt cycles.
Between two wheels you come to woe.
A seat unsound soon finds the ground.
One man can sit a beginner on a bicycle, but ten can't keep her there.
Look at others before you put on rational costume.
Too many bicycles spoil a walk.
The world's a cycle, and all society merely cyclists.
The lady cyclist has many spokes to her wheel.
Never run over a magistrate; the pleasure is not worth the cost.
Well tired—least tired.
Where there's a way there's a wheel.
Mount in haste and the dust you'll taste.
Tired horses never grow weary.
A novice and her bike are soon parted.
A stone goes before a fall.
Spare the pump and spoil the tyre.
A ring in time saves crime.
Stolen bikes run fast.

Have You Learned?
To recognize a courteous act?
To appreciate little attentions?
How charming a woman or girl may be at home in a cotton frock?
That "every day is a little life, and our whole life only a day repeated many times?"
That girls and boys who are disrespectful to father or mother are not on the right track?
That the man or woman with sound body and good health sits well back in a chair, not on the edge?
The secret of making the sensitive, ill-dressed woman feel as though she were a perfect pink in the matter of attire?

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Republican State Convention!

A State Convention of the Republican Party of the State of Delaware will be held at Dover, on Tuesday, May 12th, A. D. 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this state at the Republican National Convention to be held at the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on Tuesday, the 18th day of June next, which is to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; and also for transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The convention at Dover will consist of one hundred and sixty (160) delegates apportioned among the several districts of the state as follows: Forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the First district; thirty-eight (38) delegates to be chosen from the Second district; forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the Third district; forty (40) delegates to be chosen from the Fourth district. The said delegates shall be appointed among the several subdivisions of each district as hereinafter.

And further, it is ordered that the mode of the election of delegates shall be as follows: The Republican voters shall assemble at the usual voting places in the several subdivisions on Saturday, the 9th day of May next, and shall organize and elect delegates to the convention. The election shall be held between the hours of 2 p. m. and 9 p. m., the polls to be open continuously from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. of the period of not less than two hours. Provided, that the committee of the several districts may name the places and hours for holding such election.

Printed notice of this call, and of the details for carrying it into effect, shall be duly made. Upon closing the polls the delegates shall publicly count the votes and make out certificates of election in duplicate; one of which shall be delivered to the delegates elected and the other shall be mailed forthwith to the secretary of the State Central Committee.

At the said election voters without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in Republican principles and endorse the Republican policy and pledge themselves to vote the Republican ticket, only, shall be allowed to vote.

JAMES H. WILSON, Chairman.
H. C. BROWNE, Secretary.

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DOES WITHIN AND WITHOUT.

"If you had not Addicks to fight within your party I am convinced that Delaware would go Republican this fall," said an observing Maryland politician, a member of the Legislature, to us this week. This is the conviction of many men, and we believe it is the conviction of the Democratic press of the State, hence the support that they are giving the Addicks cause. They argue that the rank and file of the party never can accept as a leader the man who refuses to submit to any party discipline, who refuses to enter a caucus or having entered a caucus to abide its decision, who failing to carry the primaries as in the city of Wilmington last June turns to defeat the ticket, who conspires with Democrats to prevent the election of a United States Senator, who publicly proclaims that in his opinion every man has his price and thus throws suspicion on even the most sincere of his friends. The Democratic editors reason with good sense that the rank and file of the party will not accept such a man for leader, hence it is to their political interest they think to help him, not having the interest of the State in view at all. It remains for Republicans to settle this question, and at the primaries on May 9th. It matters not how much the Democrats may hope to spread dissension by aiding Addicks, and such effort is condemned by the best thinking Democrats, it remains for Republicans to determine the cause at the primaries on May 9th, the anniversary of Addicks' alliance with Democrats to prevent the election of a Senator. How many are there of good and true Republicans, who will bow the knee to the golden calf on that anniversary and declare that "Addicks is the Republican Party?" The primaries will answer the question but let the answer be without the taint of on money.

The TRANSCRIPT has frequently referred to the "foe without" the party but it is the "foe within" with whom we now have to deal, and there is more danger at the present from the foe within the ranks than from the one without. Mr. Addicks' friends have given out that he intends to control the State Convention which meets on May 12th, if it takes \$100,000 to do it. That is a boast but it is apparent that Mr. Addicks proposes to use money and the use of money at the primaries means great danger if not disaster to the party now and hereafter. We wish to sound the alarm in time. It is useless to sound it after the damage has been done. We here appeal to every Republican in the State from the Brandywine to Baltimore, as you value the success and the perpetuity of the G. O. P., to denounce the use of money at the primaries either directly or indirectly. It was the use of money at the primaries in 1888 by James L. Walcott that defeated the Democratic ticket in Kent county that fall. It was done by the rank and file of the Democrats. Let not Republicans make the same mistake. The people will not submit to purchased primaries and the people are usually right. Then be warned in time.

"But there are good men, men who have been leaders in the Republican party, who advocate Mr. Addicks," say some of the pro's. We do not wish to question the motives of men, but when men who a brief twelve months ago denounced Addicks as a traitor because he joined Gov. Watson in his conspiracy to deprive the State of her representation in the Senate, now advocate his elevation to leadership in the party and to send him as a delegate to the National Convention, they invite criticism of their conduct. It is evident there are private axes to grind, some being content with a good dinner, a mere mess of pottage as it were; while others demand and are promised consulships and other nice plums. This is true; men who have been trusted as leaders are marketing their influence to the wrecker of the party. Will the rank and file of the Republican Party submit to become chessmen for barter and sale? That may not be a pleasant way to put it, but it is the way it exists, and the truth should be looked squarely in the face. Republican freedom of Delaware, do you own yourselves and your

votes, and will you cast them for tried and true Republicans as delegates to Dover at the approaching State Convention? If so, it is well; if otherwise, you become a party to the betrayal of Republicanism in Delaware. Be warned in time. Let every Republican go to the primaries on Saturday next. The prospect is that there will be a contest at every polling place in every county in the State. Every ardent patriot should vote at the election; every Republican patriot should vote at the approaching primaries. The fight is on; let's meet like men.

The TRANSCRIPT speaks only for its editor. No man has suggested a line for the editorial columns, save the notice to our friend, Mr. Clary, as to his promise to deliver the delegates to St. George's hundred to Gov. Watson. Some of the papers have been crediting us as being the mouth piece of Col. DuPont, Senator Higgins, Gen. Wilson, and other Republicans true to the organization but it is an honor to which we are not entitled, having neither seen nor heard either directly or indirectly from these gentlemen for weeks. We believe however, that they endorse in common with hundreds of true Republicans the sentiments and the warnings to which the TRANSCRIPT has given utterance the past three weeks. We have had the personal assurance of many Republicans that the course the TRANSCRIPT has taken is the proper one. But it is not just to the gentlemen named, and not just to us, to make them responsible for that which they have had no part in. Of course the accusation of factional organ is brought against us to break the force of our argument, but it will not do it. We want to be fair but with an unfair foe it puts us at great disadvantage.

The Sentinel last week took a half column of congratulations to itself that the TRANSCRIPT, sooner than it was charged with misrepresentation, copied its article of over a column, and then proceeded to misrepresent us, falling as it has always done to quote a line from us. Is there any fairness in that? The TRANSCRIPT indirectly makes a charge that the TRANSCRIPT has threatened to bolt the Republican ticket if it is not nominated to suit us. No such threat has been made and the Sentinel and its Democratic allies know that the charge is made merely to weaken the cause of the Republican organization. The Sentinel said:

"It is altogether too soon for the News and Advertiser and the Middle-town TRANSCRIPT to declare they will not support the Republican ticket. They may have to take it back, or to stand convicted of the treason which they charge on other folks."

This is a false accusation, made with a purpose. The TRANSCRIPT has made no such declaration nor anything that can be construed that way. The Sentinel knows it or it would quote us. How mean is that charge coming from a traitor to his party! We have no occasion for a threat of that kind. We know that Mr. Addicks' delegates are few and far between in this county; we believe that Mr. Addicks will be defeated in Sussex county; we are assured that Kent county is not for him solidly as he claims. Why should such a threat be made? There is no reason, and it has not been made. It shows the desperation of the Addicks cause to make such a charge. We have read again our articles of April 18 and 25 to see on what language the Sentinel bases its insinuation. We quote and repeat the strongest language we there find, a warning but no threat, and we ask every Republican in the State to consider the truthfulness of our statements and conclusions:

April 18th—"There are enough uncompromising Republicans who will never support Mr. Addicks in the methods he has adopted. Had he taken another course, proven himself loyal to party rather than to selfish ambition, their feelings had been different, and their support could under fair circumstances have been given to him; as it is his 'Addicks or Nobody' means nobod, for thousands of Republicans rather than Addicks, and that is the 'issue' as made by Mr. Addicks. Let it be met and settled once for all."

April 25—"Mr. Addicks has not enough money to purchase his election. He has chosen to insult the good sense of too many tried and true Republicans and they will not accept him. To shut one's eyes to these facts is to court defeat. Be warned in time."

HERE IS THE HONESTY.

We said some weeks ago that "the Democratic Senators are indeed trying to talk the DuPont matter to death." This assertion appears to have hurt some of our Democratic friends and among them the Sussex Countyman which answers us with such pleasant Pickwickian humor. We thought, perhaps we are too innocent, that it is because the Democrats hope to kill the DuPont matter politically that they have talked so much about it. We have talked already how Senator George talked for three days, the report of his speech taking as much as five full issues of the TRANSCRIPT. Reference to the Congressional Record shows how Senator Turpin began the long talks with frequent delays. On March 9th after talking only a little over an hour he said "I ask the indulgence of the Senate to conclude my remarks to-morrow (p. 2306). On the morning of our own Senator Gray interrupted Mr. Turpin's speech to "move an executive session" (p. 2306). On March 13th the matter came up for consideration it was delayed, "went over," by request of Senator Harris, a Democrat as all our readers know. On March 31st the discussion had reached Mr. George when after a long talk he complained of being exhausted and requested that the matter go over. Of course "senatorial courtesy" carried it over, and the same "senatorial courtesy" will carry it on further if any of the Senators so desire. Republicans or Democrats, that is a way they have in the Senate.

The TRANSCRIPT has been charged of not being honest in its statements of this matter but those bringing the charge have not read the Congressional Record. We have proven our honest statement of the delay in part and could prove more were it necessary. Some one owes us an apology. It is accepted in advance and now let Col. DuPont be seated as we think he should be.

THE GOOD IN SINGLE TAX.

It would appear that the Single Tax agitation is not without its compensation. Its strength in Delaware is due to the "hard times," workmen being willing to accept almost any theory that offers relief, the least thoughtful of them not stopping to consider the chaotic condition of affairs which the adoption of the Single Tax theories would produce, the disturbance of all values, meaning the financial ruin of so many people, because the Single Tax recognizes no rights in land value, but absolutely denies all such right. Your farm is not yours but it is "God's acres and belongs to his children," and the Single Taxers are the contesting heirs.

The agitation serves a good purpose, however. The Single Taxers are Democrats, or they have been and in National politics are Democrats to-day. They are such because they are free traders. No well-read man can be a Single Tax advocate without being a free trader, and free traders are not found within the Republican ranks. The Single Tax speakers have been Democratic stump speakers, many of them, during the last ten or twenty years, employed by the Democratic National and State Committees. At least this is what they claim and there are no evident reasons for doubting their assertions. These facts lend force to their charges of unfairness against the poor man in the manipulation of the laws, and especially of the assessment and poll tax laws. These laws have given the Democratic politicians great advantage and they have been able to laugh at the Republicans when they have denounced them, and indeed it has been very difficult for Republicans to get a hearing. The Single Taxers are "carrying the war right into Africa," however, among the laboring people who have been swayed by the cry, "I am a Democrat," and it is having its effect.

"Justice," the Single Tax organ, gave last week a list of nineteen properties, located in the city of Wilmington, giving the exact situation of each, with the "selling value" and the "assessed value" in parallel columns. The total of the "selling value" of the nineteen properties is \$292,950, and of the "assessed value" is \$120,400, or less than fifty per cent. of the price that the owners are willing to take for the land. This is not fair to the producing class, and the agitation is healthy, or would be coupled with any real reform.

That the Single Taxers can use it to their advantage, we have to thank Democratic legislation in the State. There is no getting away from that fact. But the injustice of the assessment is not all in favor of the "land monopolists." From the published list it appears that the relation of the selling value to the assessed value is all the way from 10 per cent. to 100 per cent. That is, some of the land is assessed at its full market value, while other land is assessed at only one-tenth of the price it is offered to the public. Here is an injustice among the owners of the land, due undoubtedly to favoritism, political pulls, &c., and all under the miserable assessment laws of the State. These are more of the "Democratic chickens" and they will seek, sooner or later, the Democratic roosts.

But one of the strongest pleas against the present system of taxation is the cost. It should appeal to every honest tax payer, let him pay much or little. It is charged, and without contradiction, that the cost of collecting the taxes in this State is twelve per cent. of the total assessment. This is outrageous. Many States collect for less than one-fourth of this sum, and divorce the political machine from the financial management of our affairs, changing the laws to suit, it could be done in Delaware. People have been politically blind or they would have done it long since. When will men turn from the political demagogue and listen to reasons that appeal to their own best interests?

The Single Taxers are opposed to a poll tax, and that agitation is healthy. Through it bribery came into this State, and it has been so manipulated that it is a curse. Republicans are not opposed to a poll tax, or many of them are not, if it is a reasonable one and is not made the means of disfranchising the voters. But that is what the law of 1873 has made it and if the Single Tax agitation will only awaken a sentiment along this line then it shall serve a good purpose. Honest Democrats denounce the outrageous manipulations to which their politicians have put the poll tax, and some of them have become voters of the Republican ticket for that reason. It is only this week that we have heard of the assessing of five or more dogs to colored men who have never owned or had a dog and they must pay that tax of two or three dollars before they can get tax receipts on which to vote. This is an oppression of the weak that the Single Taxer, Democrat though he is, sees and openly condemns. This is healthy and from our point of view the Single Tax is not without its redeeming features. Nor can we get away from the conviction that the strength of the Single Tax movement in Delaware today is all due to the Democratic Party. First, to the Cleveland administration which has brought these times upon us; Secondly, to the maintenance of unjust and unfair laws, especially the assessment and poll tax laws. This is our view, and any correction of these evils by the Single Tax advocates is for good.

MAJOR McKinley carried the Illinois Convention on Thursday and the delegates to St. Louis were instructed for the protection standard bearer. This guarantees his nomination and makes protection versus the Democratic tariff policy, whatever it may be called, the issue.

It is now the proper thing for the Republicans of New Castle county to send as a delegate to St. Louis his chum and mess mate, Col. Henry A. DuPont, to vote for him and in doing so to render the close friendship of their younger years when each called the other by his proper name. By all means it is the proper thing to do.

SINGLE TAX AND FREE SPEECH.

Much has been said of the arrest of Mr. L. E. Tuttle, one of the Single Tax advocates, by the bailiff of Middletown on Saturday evening last. He was arrested for blocking the streets and put in the town lock-up until Alderman Ferguson could be found which was only a few minutes, perhaps ten. There are two sections of the Town Ordinances, under either of which Mr. Tuttle could have been arrested. They are:

"Section 4. All persons obstructing any crossing, sidewalk, or street in any manner or form, shall be subject to a fine of one dollar and cost for each and every offense."

"Section 10. All drunkenness and profane swearing, all crowds on the pavements, vacant places or streets, within the town limits, shall be held liable to arrest and a penalty of three dollars and costs for each and every offense."

Mr. Tuttle was evidently disobeying the town ordinances in that he was talking to a crowd at the intersection of the main streets of the town, at Prettyman's corner, which are hard enough under favorable conditions to keep clear on Saturday evenings when the people come to town to do their shopping. Mr. Tuttle was taken before Justice Ferguson, but the Town Fathers after consultation agreed not to prosecute the charge provided there should be no further blocking of the streets. The Single Taxers then returned to the Plaza and there talked of free speech and their peculiar doctrines.

It looks as though Mr. Tuttle violated the ordinance on purpose to get the sympathy of the crowd and a hearing. The Single Taxers rented Howell's store room only a square from the centre of the town but not being able to carry the crowd with them there they gave up the building. They seek to harangue the crowd, and very much to the disgust of the merchants, trade people and clerks, because just at what should be closing time, the delayed purchase is to be made by the Single Tax listeners. The same consideration should be given the advocates of Single Tax as to other people, no more and no less. Their cry of "free speech" should not protect them in the maintenance of a nuisance or in the violation of a town ordinance, nor on the other hand should their peculiar doctrine subject them to treatment different from other people. The law should be upheld, and the officers of the law also in a fair and proper enforcement of law.

The Single Tax people are mild fanatics. It is said that their missionaries will quiz servants as to the wages they are receiving and that the masters, when the wages may be the promise of "twice that amount of wages" is invariably made "if we only had the Single Tax." They are certainly persistent in forcing their arguments upon people, entering business places and insisting that their theories must then and there be discussed. They seek notice and notoriety, and the arrest Saturday night was evidently to their liking.

OLD SUSSEX.

Leves has organized a Woman Suffrage Club. Trustee P. Causey, of Milford, has been admitted as a student-at-law in Sussex county under his name, Wm. F. Causey Esq.

Georgetown is making an effort to have a bicycle company locate there. The Decker Co. of Worcester, Mass., is considering the project.

For the first time in its history the Hotel Hopewell, at Rehoboth, has been licensed, Messrs. L. C. Smith and Harry F. Ford, of Dover, being the successful applicants.

MY MARYLAND.

Prospects are favorable for good wheat and peach crops.

A fisherman at Port Deposit caught 300,000 herring at one haul last week.

Many farmers in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, who have light land, have already planted their corn.

Pocomoke City is to have an ice plant. A stock company with a capital of \$20,000 being organized for the purpose.

The Maryland Racing Association has announced that racing will begin at Barksdale track the day following the close of the meet at Elkhart, May 11th.

The valuable property of the McCullough Iron Works at Elkhart, Md., was to be sold at receiver's sale on Saturday at the Court House there, but was with drawn for want of bidders.

Benzer Dickey McClenahan, one of the oldest residents of Cecil County, died on Saturday in his 91st year. He was a member of the first Temperance Society organized in Maryland. His funeral was held at Port Deposit on Tuesday.

Fred Stern, an eighteen year old lad, was killed at Elkhart on Wednesday. He was exercising a horse of his employer, G. W. Haman, when it threw him, his head striking the ground, causing injuries from which he died. His home was in Washington, D. C.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Gov. Hastings has refused a respite in the case of H. H. Holmes, who will be hanged May 7.

A ten year old boy, of Lambertville, Pa., died this week, a victim to cigarette smoking. He began the practice before he was out of drosses.

The Pennsylvania Democratic State Convention at Allentown on Wednesday endorsed James Watson for the Presidential candidate, and instructed the State delegates to vote for him as a unit at the Chicago Convention.

Sentence of death has been pronounced upon the five members of the Johannesburg reform committee, who recently pleaded guilty of high treason against the Transvaal. One of the men is a brother of Cecil Rhodes. The sentence was committed.

The Servant Girls' Union of Superior, Wis., and Duluth, Minn., has ordered strike, consequently half the families there are without "help." The demand is for \$15 per month instead of 12, the price hitherto paid. The housekeepers refuse to accede, and the girls declare they will hold out all summer before they will yield.

A New York man recently advertised for a woman under an assumed name. An Ohio lady, also under an assumed name, answered the advertisement. A correspondence followed which led to an engagement, but when the couple came together he beheld they were brother and sister, who had not seen each other in years. The marriage failed, but the meeting was a happy one.

The appearance of the following ironical advertisement in "The Southeastern Herald," of England, indicates that domestic service is becoming a burning question in England also: "General servant required; board-school training; liberal wages; use of piano; time allowed for practising violin and dancing; all evenings out; followers unlimited; dirty work done by mistress and daughters; early riser objected to; bicycle and modern costumes provided; latch key; highest reference given, none required."

A Denial.

MIDDLETOWN, May 1st.
EDITOR TRANSCRIPT, DEAR SIR:—Will you kindly give me sufficient space in your paper to brand as a falsehood the statement imputed to me in the New Era that "all the ministers in this town are vile and untruthful." I never used such language in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A., or anywhere else. What I did say was, that any man, either minister or layman, who denied the equal right of every child of God to the Father's bounty, the earth was in my opinion not truly a Christian man.

Truly Yours,
LEONARD TUTTLE.

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IF A SOCIAL SCIENTIST should want to discuss the poetry of TEN DOLLARS he would need to test its power on our Men's Suits. A constant study in our clothing business is how to raise the power of ten dollars in Men's Suits.

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Black Clay Diagonal Suits, sack or cutaway - - \$10
Black and Blue Diagonal Worsteds Suits - - \$10
Black, Blue and Steel Serge Suits - - \$10
Colored Clay Diagonal Suits (not too light in weight) - - \$10
Pink-check Worsteds Suits, \$10
Black and Blue Rough Suits - - \$10
Scotch Cheviot Homespun Suits - - \$10
Cassimeres and Worsteds Suits, in many styles - \$10

Other points of strength are the Suits for \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$12.00 \$14.00 and \$15.00.

The young men, the critical men unite in telling us, unsolicited, that the ideal stock of popular price clothes is here.

What a fine picture your small boy will make as you take him out on a fine afternoon in a nicely braided Sailor Suit—\$1.00 to \$5.00—3 to 9 years.

Our elegant stock of them—big enough to dress a good sized navy of the squadron of peace. And the Reefer Suits—the trade on them blows a gale—3 to 15 years; up to 8 have sailor collar, braided, \$1.00 to \$6.50.

Faith and fortune go hand in hand. The Boy's Clothing has your confidence, hence, its success—great and growing.

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There is fun in the foam, and health in the cup of HIRE'S Rootbeer—the great temperance drink.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of Vendition Exposita, to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the National Hotel, at Middletown, St. Georges Hundred, New Castle county, State of Delaware, the following described real estate, viz:

Beginning at a corner white oak, which is also a corner of a tract of land late of John Underwood; thence by the same south, 85 degrees, 165 degrees, to a corner stone set in the line of land now or late of Ann Dawson; thence by the said land late of James Travis; thence by the same and land now or late of Griffith Griffith, north 85 degrees, 165 degrees, to the place of beginning, containing 120 acres, more or less.

ON WEDNESDAY,
THE 6th DAY OF MAY, 1896,
at 10 o'clock a. m.,

The following described real estate, viz: All that certain tract or parcel of land, together with a two-story frame dwelling house, frame barn with shed attached, frame stable, with shed attached, frame carriage house, and frame outhouse, situate in Fenwick Hundred, County of New Castle and State of Delaware, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a corner white oak, which is also a corner of a tract of land late of John Underwood; thence by the same south, 85 degrees, 165 degrees, to a corner stone set in the line of land now or late of Ann Dawson; thence by the said land late of James Travis; thence by the same and land now or late of Griffith Griffith, north 85 degrees, 165 degrees, to the place of beginning, containing 120 acres, more or less.

Excepting out of the aforesaid tract part thereof as was sold to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company for the feeder and main canal, including 30 acres of the sides thereof and the land which would have been in the event of making the said canal, covered with water, also excepting, however, a corner lot covered by one William Thompson and wife to David Chambers, containing about three acres, be the same more or less.

Sealed and taken for auction at the property of Thomas Lindell and to be sold by PAUL GILLIS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Delaware, April 23rd, 1896.

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Ladies' Lisle Thread Stockings, plain and drop stitch, Onyx black; special sale price, 25c per pair.

Gentlemen's Lisle Thread Stockings, Onyx black and extra fine cotton, with white soles; special sale price, 25c.

GLOVES
Ladies' Tan and Black Taffeta and Tan and Black Lisle Thread at 25c per pair. We have these popular gloves in fine assortment. Having sold them for years with perfect satisfaction to our customers for many years ladies can buy them with confidence as to their wearing qualities.

Ladies' Black Silk, woven tips—every pair accompanied with a guarantee ticket—50, 75c and \$1 per pair.

Ladies' Silk Gloves in white, tans, slates, modes and light gray with black stitching, 50c per pair.

White Chamois, elegant quality, 75c per pair.
White Kid, fine quality, with black stitching, \$1 per pair.

Our assortment of Kid Gloves is most complete in the new Spring shades. They are in the best standard and tried makes of finest French production.

Paritan, hooks and buttoned, \$1.
Bertholdi, hooks and buttoned, \$1.25.
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Ask for any one of these three makes and you are sure to be suited

A splendid opportunity to buy embroidered Piques at a bargain.

Eleven hundred yards in the very handsomest styles such as we always sell for 20c per yard. We shall offer in lengths of from 2 to 20 yards at 10 cents per yard.

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Local News.

TOWN SEND TOPIC

—Yesterday was May day, but the May party is deferred on account of the weather.

—A member of the Light and Water Commission will be elected Monday afternoon.

—Is your town tax too high? Then appeal to the Town Fathers on Monday—your only chance to kick.

—There will be a meeting of the lot owners of Bethel Cemetery, Tuesday, May 5 next, to elect seven directors for the ensuing year.

—Dr. Vallandigham, president of the Board of Trade, has called a meeting for Monday evening next, for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the Board and requests a full attendance.

—The following pupils of Brown Cottage School are upon the April roll of honor: Albert Cochran, Louise Cochran, Minnie Smith, Clarence Donovan, Albert Donovan, Elmer Padley, and George Bender.

The Delaware Iron Works at New Castle recently shipped two hundred tons trolley and telegraph poles to Cairo, Egypt and Cape Town, South America, and have over 100 tons yet to ship, says the News.

—The beautiful purple Wisteria is in bloom and its graceful festoons hang many porches in town. There is also a blooming and the dogwood flower is found in the woods, full two weeks ahead of time.

—The majority of the farmers in this section have completed the planting of corn. Some of them have been through planting for ten days. Now for warm weather to make the corn come up and grow.

—There will be a business meeting of the Epworth League after prayer meeting on Thursday evening, May 7th, to elect delegates to the conference and other business. The president, Dr. Ritchie, desires a full attendance.

—There was a meeting of the "Blue Lodge" on Wednesday evening, held behind closed doors and fastened shutters "on the coast." The question was, "Can Watson get the delegates? There are those who say that he cannot. The Transcript does not know."

—Rev. F. H. Moore received information yesterday morning of the death of Rev. C. F. Thomas, D. D., in Philadelphia, of heart trouble. Dr. Thomas was to have lectured in the Presbyterian Church two weeks ago but was prevented because of his illness. Mr. Moore went to the city yesterday.

—The peace loving friends of the New Era will please notice that for the fourth time since "quitting" that paper is calling us names. This time it is "blatant." If the Transcript is wrong in its statements a dozen leading Democrats of Middletown are mistaken. Sorry the shoe pinches.

—The number of wheel-women in Middletown is steadily on the increase, every week adds new ones to the list, and now that pleasant weather and good roads prevail, our streets and road-side are teeming with fair riders. The bicycle is evidently a good antidote for spring fever, judging from the glowing cheeks of those who take a daily spin.

—Invitations have been issued to the Epworth League Social and Literary Entertainment, to be given in the M. E. lecture room on Tuesday evening May 5th which will also be a "birthday party" as explained in the invitation. A program with recitations, vocal and instrumental music will be rendered and refreshments served.

—Have you seen Bragdon's new soda fountain? It is a beauty, equal in this respect to the most costly to be seen in the large city stores, and is so neat and cool looking, adding a refreshing flavor to the sparkling soda drawn from it. Mr. Bragdon is a neighbor to the Transcript, and it is a pleasure to have this inviting fountain so near. You should see it, and inquire about the putting it up.

—The hitching yard and lawn adjoining the M. E. Church has been recently plowed and sowed in grass. A wide gravel drive, way has been laid out and with the adding of trees the brethren are fondly hoping to have a beautiful smooth park and lawn instead of the "all hills and hollow" sort of a yard it formerly was. But the ladies who were anticipating holding a festival on what grass there was, will have to look elsewhere to go, for there is none in sight now.

—The Women's Auxiliary of this Diocese will have a meeting in St. Anne's P. E. Church on Thursday May 7th. It will be the regular quarterly meeting, with from 60 to 75 delegates in attendance. Luncheon will be provided and served at the rectory by the members of the Young Ladies Guild. Mrs. McIlwaine, of Wilmington, will preside at the meeting, which will be open to visitors, the members and friends of the parish being cordially invited.

—The Trustees of the Poor met at Farnhurst on Wednesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year. President, C. Harry Salmons; secretary, John W. Dawson; attorney, E. R. Cochran Jr., coroner's physician, Joseph R. Smith; alms-house physician, Francis R. Springer; superintendent, David McCoy; matron, Emma McCoy. Bids for supplies for the ensuing quarter were opened and contracts given out; the State Road Creamery will supply the butter for 15c per lb. Groceries and meat will be furnished by Wilmington dealers, Gray and Gallagher. 214 inmates and 3 deaths were reported.

—The ladies of Middletown, and vicinity had the pleasure and privilege of hearing a very instructive and helpful lecture on Hygiene and Physiology in Wood's Hall Thursday afternoon, by Mrs. H. T. Bachelder, of Wilmington, who is devoting her speciality to the treatment of women, using the world wide remedy Viavi, which has been in use over thirteen years. It is not, as some would think, a patent medicine, but the prescription of a regular practitioner, perfected by Dr. Law, of San Francisco, where the medicine is prepared. Mrs. Bachelder, originally from Lowell, Mass., is the manager of the Delaware Viavi Company and is personally located in Wilmington at 838 Market Street. During her few months residence there she has successfully treated a great many suffering women whose personal testimony as to the value of the remedy is very convincing. She was much gratified at her hearing in Middletown, at least thirty ladies being present. A number in the neighborhood have already proven the efficacy of the Viavi treatment. Mrs. Bachelder is a refined and cultured lady, a fluent and pleasant speaker and a conscientious advocate of Viavi, which is a rational and common sense treatment. She will return to Wilmington this afternoon, but while here will gladly consult, free of charge, with all ladies who will call to see her at her rooms on South Broad Street at Miss Beeson's. She will make monthly visits to Middletown and give another lecture at an early date.

PERSONALITIES

—Always in season, Hopkins' Steamed Herring (Hulled Corn). Elegant lunch in Milk. Qt. can 10c.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural implements on hand.

—WHEATLIFE 45c RATES.—By George Booth as follows: 45 cents per 100 lbs up to 300 lbs; 30 cents to 500 lbs; 40 cents to 500 to 1000 lbs; 35 cents to 1000 to 2000 lbs; 35 cents; special rates on larger quantities.

—PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontology and Gas for painless extracting.

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